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C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 8709

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SUBJECT: UNESCO: DRAFT DECLARATION ON FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES
GOVERNING THE USE OF MASS MEDIA IN STRENGTHENING PEACE AND
INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND IN COMBATting WAR PROPAGANDA,
RACISM AND APARTHEID

REF: A. STATE 188615, B. ATHENS 6208, C. STATE 125614

D. STATE 147961, E. BONN 10962, F. PARIS 24079

1. AS INSTRUCTED BY REFTTEL A, AN EMBOFF DISCUSSED WITH
THE ACTING DIRECTOR FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS OF THE MFA THE
SUBJECT OF THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION BY THE
FORTHCOMING 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO SCHEDULED TO
COMMENCE IN OCTOBER AT NAIROBI. THE EMBOFF WENT OVER THE
ARGUMENTATION IN REFTELS A AND C, AND URGED THAT THE GOG JOIN
IN BRINGING TO THE ATTENTION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW THE
STRONG DESIRE OF MANY MEMBER STATES TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION
OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION AND THEIR HOPE THAT THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL WILL LEND HIS PRESTIGE AND INFLUENCE TO THIS EFFORT.

2. THE ACTING DIRECTOR LISTENED ATTENTIVELY AND TOOK
DOWN EMBOFF'S POINTS WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE GIVEN CAREFUL
CONSIDERATION. THE GREEK OFFICIAL NOTED THAT IN THE
EMBASSY'S PREVIOUS APPROACH ON THIS SUBJECT
(REFTTEL B), WE HAD REFERRED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INITIATIVE
IN THIS RESPECT BY THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE (REFTTEL D).
HE INQUIRED WHETHER THE CONCIL'S COMMITTEE OF
EXPERTS FOR THE MASS MEDIA HAD DECIDED ON ANY ACTION IN THE MATTER.
GREECE'S ULTIMATE POSITION, HE CONCLUDED, WIL BE STRONGLY
INFLUENCED BY THE POSITIONS OF THE EC COUNTRIES SINCE
GREECE HAS NOW BEGUN NEGOTIATIONS FOR ENTRY INTO THE
COMMUNITY. THE EMBOFF RECALLED THAT ALL THE EC COUNTRIES
HAD JOINED THE U.S. AND OTHERS IN WALKING OUT OF THE
DECEMBER 1975 "MEETING OF EXPERTS" IN PARIS, AND, BASED
ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US HERE, WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE
POSITIONS OF THE EC COUNTRIES WERE IN LINE WITH THAT OF THE U.S.
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4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED
REFTTEL F, WHICH WE RECEIVED AFTER OUR DISCUSSION WITH THE MFA,
WE REPEAT OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT EC MEMBER COUNTRIES BE
ENLISTED TO REINFORCE OUR APPROACH TO THE GOG.
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